

Since 1999, I have served on the [House Appropriations Committee](#) , when my colleagues in the Democratic Caucus

Two-thirds of federal spending is automatically allocated to mandatory payments such as Social Security.

I am the most senior Northern Californian serving on this committee and the only Democratic member from
[Administration and Related Agencies](#). This subcommittee has [Legislative Jurisdiction](#)
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California is the nation's largest agriculture production state, and the Central Coast tri-county region g

I am the second ranking [Democrat on the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies](#), which has legislative jurisdiction over the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) and military

With two major military education facilities in Monterey, I am in a good position to assist both the [Department of Defense](#) and the [Department of the Navy](#), including the [Naval Postgraduate School](#) and the [Naval Air Station](#).

Finally, I am a member of [Subcommittee on Homeland Security](#), which has legislative jurisdiction over the [Department of Homeland Security](#).

If you would like to learn more about the appropriations process, the Congressional Research Service has a [one page overview](#).